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TAGS: MASS, MOPS

SUBJECT: REBEL ACTIVITY IN CHAD

REF: A) STATE 27625 B) NDJAMENA 413 C) NDJAMENA 429

1. PASSED SUBSTANCE PARA II REFTELS B AND C TO PRESIDENT BONGO'S
DIRECTOR OF MILITARY CABINET, LT. COLONEL FIRMIN NGARI, AFTER
BONGO HAD ALREADY DEPARTED OFFICE FOR LUNCH. NGARI TELEPHONED
AT 1700 TO REPORT THAT HE HAD PRESENTED INFORMATION TO PRESIDENT
BONGO WHO IN TURN HAD ASKED IF WE COULD BE MORE PRECISE
AS TO THE NATURE OF OUR SUPPORT BOTH FOR SUGGESTED OAU MEDIATION
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EFFORT AND FOR CHADIAN GOVERNMENT. I REPLIED THAT IN FIRST INSTANCE
I PRESUMED IT WOULD BE MORAL AND DIPLOMATIC AND THAT IN SECOND WE
ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER THERE
ANY POSSIBILITY OF RESPONDING MATERIALLY TO CHADIAN APPEAL. NGARI
LATER CALLED BACK TO EXPRESS PRESIDENT BONGO'S APPRECIATION FOR
DIPLOMATIC AND MORAL SUPPORT AND TO URGE THAT USG FIND MEANS TO
PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO CHAD. HE ALSO NOTED "SCHEDULED" CHAD-

LIBYA MEETING, OAU SPECIAL SUMMIT AT END OF MARCH AND EXISTING CHAD-LIBYA MEDIATION COMMISSION WHICH HE SAID PRESIDENT BONGO WOULD TRY TO STIMULATE TO ACTION. THE IMPLICATION SEEMED TO BE BE THAN BONGO, AS OAU CHAIRMAN, DOES NOT, FEEL EQUIPPED TO DEAL EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH CURRENT CHADIAN CRISIS.

2) FRENCH AMBASSADOR, GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND I ARE SCHEDULED MEET WITH BONGO 0930 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 TO PRESENT CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT OF NAMBIAN QUESTION. CHAD-LIBYA ISSUE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE RAISED BY BONGO. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORTS OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY US RESPONSE TO CHADIAN REQUEST, THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL DURING THAT SESSION. YATES

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